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Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method of bonding an image to a surface comprising the steps of
 - printing the image onto an image-receiving substrate;
 - applying a first side of an adhesive layer onto the image;
 - securing a backing layer to a second side of the adhesive layer to prevent bonding of the second side to an unintended object;
 - detaching the backing layer from the second side after the first side has been applied to the image;
 - contacting the second side to the surface; and
 - removing the image-receiving substrate to leave the image bonded to the surface.
2. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the securing step is performed before the applying step.
3. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the first side of the adhesive layer is printed onto the image.
4. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the image is reverse-printed onto the image-receiving substrate.
5. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the image-receiving substrate is a substantially transparent polymeric film.
6. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the image-receiving substrate is coated with a release-finish, the image being printed onto the release-finish.
7. (withdrawn) The method of claim 6 wherein the release-finish is a breakaway-coating that remains fastened to the image when the image-receiving substrate is removed.

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8. (withdrawn) The method of claim 6 wherein the release-finish is a release-coating that remains fastened to the image-receiving substrate when the image-receiving substrate is removed.

9. (withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein the total thickness of the breakaway-coating, image and adhesive bonded to the surface is less than about 5 mils.

10. (withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein the total thickness of the breakaway-coating, image and adhesive bonded to the surface is less than about 3 mils.

11. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the total thickness of the image and adhesive bonded to the surface is less than about 5 mils.

12. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the total thickness of the image and adhesive bonded to the surface is less than about 3 mils.

13. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising the additional step of coating the image bonded to the surface with a clear-coat.

14. (withdrawn) The method of claim 11 wherein the clear-coat is a liquid.

15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 11 wherein the thickness of the adhered image and the clear-coat combine to substantially eliminate any tactile discernment of any edge on the surface.

16. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the second side of the adhesive layer has low tackiness.

17. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising, between the contacting and removing steps, the step of applying pressure to the image-receiving substrate to facilitate adhesion to the surface.

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18. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the surface is a vehicle surface.
19. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein the surface is an automobile surface.
20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein the surface is a airplane surface.
21. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the surface is a building structure surface.
22. (withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the surface is a wall surface.
23. (withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the surface is a ceiling surface.
24. (withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein the image, image-receiving substrate, release-finish and adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.
25. (withdrawn) A transferred graphic indelibly bonded to a surface, comprising a composite of an image having outer and inner sides and an adhesive secured between the inner side and the surface, and a clear-coat overlying the composite and the surface.
26. (withdrawn) The transferred graphic of claim 25 wherein the composite has a breakaway-coating affixed to the outer side of the image.
27. (withdrawn) The transferred graphic of claim 25 wherein the total thickness of the composite and clear-coat is less than about 5 mils.
28. (withdrawn) The transferred graphic of claim 27 wherein the total thickness of the composite and clear-coat is less than about 3 mils.

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29. (withdrawn) The transferred graphic of claim 26 wherein the total thickness of the composite and clear-coat is less than about 5 mils.

30. (withdrawn) The transferred graphic of claim 29 wherein the total thickness of the composite and clear-coat is less than about 3 mils.

31. (withdrawn) The transferred graphic of claim 25, wherein the ink image is comprised of multiple inks applied in succession to create a multi-colored image.

32. (currently amended) A graphic transfer sheet comprising:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides and a release-finish on the first side;
- an image applied to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the image and adhesive layer, substrate-free, to a surface such that the image is supported only by the adhesive layer.

33. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image-receiving substrate is a transparent polymeric film.

34. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 33 wherein the polymeric film is polyester.

35. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive acrylic adhesive.

36. (previously presented) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the backing layer is polyester.

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37. (currently amended) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein connection between the release-finish ~~is adapted to adhere to~~ and the image-receiving substrate is stronger than connection between the image and the release-finish so that separation between the image-receiving substrate and the image occurs between the ~~release-coating~~ release-finish and the image.

38 - 40. (canceled).

41. (currently amended) The transfer sheet of claim 39 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer [,] and image ~~and release-finish~~ is less than about 3 mils.

42. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image is comprised of ink.

43. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 42 wherein the image is printed onto the release-finish.

44. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 43 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive is printed onto the image.

45. (currently amended) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive includes a surface which contacts the backing layer ~~at a surface~~ and the surface of the pressure-sensitive adhesive is ~~low-tack~~ low-tack.

46. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image-receiving substrate, release-finish, image and pressure sensitive adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.

47. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image is applied directly to the release-finish.

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48. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 42, wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a multi-colored image.

49. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the multi-colored image is picture-quality.

50. (currently amended) A graphic transfer sheet consisting of:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides and a release-finish on the first side;
- an image applied to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the image and adhesive layer, substrate-free, to a surface such that the image is supported only by the adhesive layer.

51. (previously presented) The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive acrylic adhesive.

52. (previously presented) The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 5 mils.

53. (previously presented) The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 3 mils.

54. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is comprised of ink.

55. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is printed onto the release-finish.

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56. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive is printed onto the image.

57. (currently amended) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive contacts the backing layer at a surface and the surface is ~~low-tack~~ low-tack.

58. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image-receiving substrate, release-finish, image and pressure sensitive adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.

59. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is applied directly to the release-finish.

60. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50, wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a multi-colored image.

61. (previously presented) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 60 wherein the multi-colored image is picture-quality.

62. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 44 wherein the adhesive is acrylic.

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63. (new) A graphic transfer sheet comprising:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides;
- a release-finish on the first side;
- an image bonded to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the release-finish, image and adhesive layer to a surface.

64. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 63 wherein the combined thickness of the release-finish, adhesive layer and image is less than about 5 mils.

65. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 64 wherein the combined thickness of the release-finish, adhesive layer and image is less than about 3 mils.

66. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 63 wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a picture-quality multi-colored image.

67. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 66 wherein the adhesive is acrylic.

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